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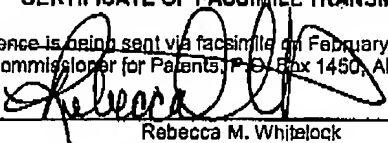
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According to our records, the above-identified application has not been examined.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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